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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

This letter is responsive to the Examiner's Office communication of February 3, 2003.

Remarks

1) **Summary of Prosecution to Date**

This application was originally filed with claims 1 – 16. The Examiner has now suggested that the case be restricted to claims 1 – 10 (Group I), which the Examiner characterizes as being drawn to the combination of a grader blade and a support structure; or claims 11 – 16, which the Examiner characterizes as being drawn to the sub-combination of a bearing support arrangement.

2) **Traverse of Restriction Requirement**

The applicant respectfully traverses this restriction requirement of the Examiner.

MPEP 806.03, first paragraph, reads as follows: "Single Embodiment, Claims Defining Essential Features – Where the claims of an application define the same essential characteristics of a *single* disclosed embodiment of an invention, restriction therebetween should never be required. This is because the claims are but different definitions of the same disclosed subject matter, varying in breadth or scope of definition."